

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 21, 2007

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF NINE LAS VEGAS FIRE & RESCUE EMPLOYEES FOR RECEIVING LIBERTY MUTUAL FIREMARK AWARDS

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting – Copies of Fire & Life Safety Award certificates presented to nine Las Vegas Fire & Rescue employees

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN invited PHILLIP FERGUSON, Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, MARCI GRAFFA, International Association of Firefighters, HAYDEN RAY, Fire Prevention Association of Nevada, and ACTING FIRE CHIEF MIKE MEYERS, to help honor and present awards to nine members of the Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Department.

MR. FERGUSON presented the Liberty Mutual Firemark Awards to nine firefighters for their commitment to responsibility and to safeguarding the Las Vegas residents. He presented the first award to FIREFIGHTER and PARAMEDIC KIRK CASPERSON and FIREFIGHTER STEWART WEINERT for their heroic actions in August 21, 2007. He presented the second award to FIRE CAPTAIN BILL JOHNSON, ENGINEER ROB LAWRENCE, FIREFIGHTERS RYAN DALTON and FRANKS SAMS, and FIREFIGHTERS and PARAMEDICS JEFF BLACKWELL and COREY RICE for their heroic action of August 8, 2007.

MR. FERGUSON also presented the Liberty Mutual Firemark Community Service and Education Award to Las Vegas Fire and Rescue PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER TIMOTHY SZYMANSKI, who devoted his career to putting out fires before they start through a community focused and outreach program. MR. SZYMANSKI also developed an education program that prepares UNLV students majoring in Hotel and Resort Management for fire related emergencies in their future workplace. He also held a fundraising drive that bought three thousand free smoke alarms for low-income residents and initiated a program to republish fire safety booklets in Spanish for the Hispanic residents. He also started the Citizens Fire Academy.

MR. FERGUSON remarked that these awards recognize the important and irreplaceable role these men play in the community.

In addition to receiving the Firemark Award from Liberty Mutual, the City Council proudly presented each person with the City of Las Vegas Fire and Life Safety Award. MAYOR GOODMAN congratulated and thanked each firefighter for the service they provide to the Las Vegas community each and every day.

MAYOR GOODMAN indicated that today marks the 26th anniversary of the MGM fire and tremendous strides have been made since then to ensure that Las Vegas is a safer place.